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REF GENEVA 1108 AND GENEVA 1128

1. COMMISSION COMPLETED ITEM ON VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISRAELI- OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WITH ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CONTAINED GENEVA 1108. VOTE WAS 18-2 (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND U. S.)-10(AUSTRIA, CHILE, ECUADOR, FRANCE, ITALY, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, U. K. AND VENEZUELA). NICARAGUA AND ZAIRE ABSENT.

2. SEPARATE VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE WAS 17-9 (AUSTRIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FRANCE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, U. K., U. S. AND VENEZUELA)-4 (CHILE, ECUADOR, MEXICO AND RUMANIA). FRENCH AMENDMENT TO SUBSTITUTE " ABUSIVE EXPLOITATION" FOR " PILLAGING" IN SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH DEFEATED 5-12-12 (U. S.).

3. FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS AND OBSERVERS SPOKE DURING MARCH 14 SESSIONS: IRAN, IRAQ, SYRIA, BRSSR, LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, BULGARIA, JORDAN, NIGERIA, USSR, ISRAEL, FRANCE AND SENEGAL.

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4. ARAB STATEMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE DURING MARCH 13 DEBATE (GENEVA 1128). SYRIA DEVOTED A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF STATEMENT TO REFUTING " PRESS CAMPAIGN" CONCERNING CONDITION OF SYRIAN JEWS. HE CONCLUDED WITH EMOTIONAL APPEAL FOR HRC TO TAKE A FIRM POSITION ON ISRAELI VIOLATIONS AND URGED MEMBERS TO RECOMMEND ACTION ON BASIS OF HUMAN RIGHTS RATHER THAN POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

5. JORDANIAN OBSERVER MADE LENGTHY INTERVENTION POINTING UP DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, DISCRIMINATORY ISRAELI ECONOMIC POLICIES AGAINST ARABS, SETTLEMENTS IN FERTILE AREAS, INDUSTRIAL POLICIES DESIGNED TO SERVE ISRAELI MARKET, MANIPULATION OF TRADE TO DISADVANTAGE OF WEST BANK, EXPLOITATION OF ARAB LABOR, DENIAL OF UNESCO- APPROVED TEXT BOOKS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

6. NIGERIA SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MALTREATMENT OF POW' S HELD BY ISRAEL. BRSSR AND USSR, BULGARIA STATEMENTS BRIEF AND SET FORTH STANDARD COMMUNIST LINE CONDEMNING ISRAEL.

7. ISRAELI OBSERVER (ROSENNE) AGREED THAT BEST SOLUTION TO SITUATION WAS END OF OCCUPATION AND THAT GOI DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO THIS END. NOTHING NEW HAD BEEN SAID IN THIS DEBATE. DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS VICIOUS REPETITION OF PAST RESOLUTIONS WITH SOLE OBJECTIVE OF DENIGRATING ISRAEL AND UNREAL IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPING POLITICAL CONTEXT. TRAGEDY THAT HRC DEVIATED FROM URGENT TASKS TO SUFFER THIS OUTRAGEOUS DEBATE.

8. ISRAELI REP GAVE HIGHLIGHTS OF STATEMENT MADE IN 849 TH SESSION OF SPC. ATTACKED THE COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY SRI LANKA AND FINDINGS IN THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE. STRESSED HUMANE AND LIBERAL TREATMENT OF INHABITANTS OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND EXPRESSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, HEALTH, EDUCATION.

9. REJECTED CHARGES THAT ISRAEL SEEKING TO ELIMINATE PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY. GOI REQUIRED TO TAKE DEFENSIVE
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MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISTS. DEPORTATIONS HAVE CEASED.

NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINEES DECLINED FROM 452 TO 53 DURING 1972. REFERRED TO COOPERATION WITH UNESCO RE TEXT BOOKS AND REMOVAL OF " HATE" PASSAGES.

10. ISRAELI REP URGED OBSERVANCE BY ARABS OF THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION. SAID ISRAEL OBSERVING STANDARDS OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS ALTHOUGH FOURTH CONVENTION DOES NOT APPLY IN THIS CASE. CRITICIZED ATTEMPTS BY HRC TO INTERPRET AND PASS JUDGMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTIONS WHICH IT WAS NOT COMPETENT TO DO. NO SUBSTANCE TO ALLEGATION OF WAR CRIMES OR GRAVE BREACHES OF GENEVA CONVENTION.

11. ISRAELI REP ATTEMPTED TO REFER AGAIN TO SITUATION OF JEWS IN EGYPT AND USSR BUT INTERRUPTED ON POINT OF ORDER BY EGYPT. FOLLOWING APPEAL BY CHAIRMAN, HE CONCLUDED STATEMENT.

12. FOLLOWING DELS EXPLAINED VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE: FRANCE, ITALY, SENEGAL, GHANA, NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, U. S. AND NORWAY. SENEGAL REBUKED ISRAELI REP FOR ASPERSIONS ON U. N. MEMBERS AND FAILURE TO TAKE RESOLUTIONS SERIOUSLY. GHANA AND TURKEY STATED SUPPORT FOR THE RES. FRANCE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY EXPRESSED OBJECTIONS TO REFERENCE TO WAR CRIMES IN FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WHICH WOULD CAUSE THEM TO ABSTAIN. U. S. (HOFFMAN) MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES PARAGRAPH 4 OF GENEVA 1108. TEXT POUCHED IO (HEWITT). RIMESTAD

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